

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality**

Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Action: Notice of meeting

Summary: The Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality will meet for the second time to discuss the relationship between agricultural production and air quality. Special emphasis will be placed on promoting a greater understanding of California agriculture, particularly its impact on air quality and the role it plays in the local and national economy. The meeting is open to the public.

Date: The meeting will convene Tuesday, June 17, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. The meeting will resume Thursday, June 19, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Natural Resources Conservation Service on or before June 13, 1997.

Addresses: The meeting will be held at the Piccadilly Inn Airport Hotel, 5115 East McKinley Avenue, Fresno, California, telephone (209) 251-6000. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to George Bluhm, University of California, Land, Air, Water Resources, 151 Hoagland Hall, Davis, CA 95616-6827.

For Further Information Contact: George Bluhm, Designated Federal Official, telephone (916) 752-1018, fax (916) 752-1552.

Supplementary Information: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information about the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality, including any revised agendas for the June 17 and 19, 1997 meetings that may appear after this Federal Register Notice is published, may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/BCS/air/farmbill.html>.

Draft Agenda of the June 17 and 19, 1997, Meetings:

A. Opening Remarks

1. Welcome to California - M. Cunha
2. Comments and introductions from the Chair - G. Margheim

B. Past Actions

1. Report on the first letter of advice to the Secretary - P. Wakelyn
2. House Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation and Research hearing on air quality - K. Saxton, C. Parnell Jr.
3. EPA interaction with Congress - S. Shaver

C. Status Reports on Efforts in Progress

1. Draft MOU between USDA and EPA - S. Shaver, G. Bluhm
2. 98% percentile issue - P. Breeze
3. Health effects - T. Ferguson, V. Chavez
4. PM research issues - M. Cunha, R. Flocchini

5. Ozone - J. Miller
 6. Oversight - W. Hambleton
 7. Monitoring - C. Parnell Jr.
 8. Odorants - J. Sweeten
- D. New Issues and Parking Lot
1. Agricultural burning
 2. Crop check-off funds for cleaner air efforts
 3. Air quality Presidential Initiative
 4. As time allows, other issues brought up by the public or Task Force members
- E. Set date and location for next meeting

Note: On Wednesday, June 18, 1997 the Task Force will conduct an all-day tour of agricultural operations around the San Joaquin Valley.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may present oral presentations during the June 17 and 19 meetings. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify George Bluhm no later than June 13, 1997. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, that person should submit 25 copies to George Bluhm no later than June 13, 1997.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

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